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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION OF: SHANNA D. KNIGHTS, Group Art Unit 1745 DAVID P. WILKINSON, STEPHEN A. CAMPBELL, Examiner M. Wills JARED L. TAYLOR, JOHN M. GASCOYNE and THOMAS R. RALPH SERIAL NO. 09/643,550 FILED: AUGUST 22, 2000 FOR: SOLID POLYMER FUELCELL WITH IMPROVED VOLTAGE REVERSAL TOLERANCE

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Advisory Action, dated November 21, 2002. A Request For Continued Examination is enclosed.

Applicants submit that extensions of time in this instance should be calculated from the November 21, 2002 mailing date of the Advisory Action rather than from the August 13, 2002 mailing date of the final rejection. If, however, the present

submission and accompanying Request for Continued Examination are not considered to be timely filed within the first month's extension period, then applicants hereby petition for the appropriate additional extension of time that would make the present submission and Request for Continued Examination timely filed.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee for an extension of time in the first month (large entity). Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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